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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PRE-LICENSE EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK -
CENTURY ELECTRONICS LTD. (CEL)

REF: STATE 306151

1. OUR FINDINGS ON SUBJECT CASE AS FOLLOWS:

2. CEL, A RECENTLY ESTABLISHED MEDIUM-SIZE CORPORATION, IS CONTROLLED BY CENTURY SPINNING AND MANUFACTURING CO. LTD. (CSMC), OWNING TEXTILE MILLS, A RAYON PLANT, A TIRE CORD PLANT, A CAUSTIC SODA PLANT, A SALT WORKS AND A CEMENT PLANT. CSMC IS OWNED BY BIRLAS, INDIA'S SECOND LARGEST BUSINESS COMPLEX. UNDER A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH CHRONAR CORPORATION, INC., P.O. BOX NO. 815, N.J. 08540, WHICH ALSO HOLDS 25 PERCENT EQUITY, CEL MANUFACTURES ELECTRONIC WRIST WATCHES AT SANTA CRUZ ELECTRONICS EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (SEEPZ) IN BOMBAY. FIRM EMPLOYS 75 PERSONS.

3. BULK OF COMPONENTS SUCH AS C/MOS INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CHIPS, LCD DISPLAY, SOLAR ARRAYS, BATTERIES, LAMPS, DIODES, TRANSISTORS, CHIP CAPACITORS, CHIP RESISTORS, ZEBRA CONNECTORS,
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SWITCH CONTACTS, SCREWS, BATTERY CHIP, SUBSTRATES, RETAINERS, POTTING MASKS, DIFFUSER PLATES, AND POLARIZING TAPES IMPORTED FROM US. ONLY TWO ITEMS (QUARTZ CRYSTAL AND TRIMMER CAPACITOR) IMPORTED FROM JAPAN. SINCE CEL LOCATED IN FREE TRADE ZONE, IT EXPORTS 100 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION. INSTALLED CAPACITY OF CEL IS 500,000 UNITS OF WATCHES/MODULES AND ONE MILLION UNITS OF C/MOS-LSI ARRAYS. PRODUCTION COMMENCED OCTOBER 1976.

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IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FIRM CLAIMS TO HAVE PRODUCED AND EXPORTED (TO U.S., SWITZERLAND AND W. GERMANY) WATCHES VALUED $335,000 AND $225,000 RESPECTIVELY. CEL'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF I.C. CHIPS REPORTEDLY 100,000 UNITS (VALUED APPROX. $300,000). SUBJECT IMPORT OF 50,000 UNITS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY OF ELECTRONIC DIGITAL MODULES LIKELY TO MEET SIX MONTHS REQUIREMENT.

4. A PERSONAL VISIT BY A CONGEN STAFF MEMBER TO CEL PLANT AND INQUIRIES MADE WITH LOCAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL SOURCES INDICATED THAT CEL IS A BONAFIDE ENDUSER OF IC CHIPS AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IDENTIFIED IN PARA THREE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE AGAINST CEL WHICH COULD BE TERMED CONTRARY TO CONSIGNEE STATEMENT MADE BY CEL IN DIB-629P. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE IN SUBJECT CASE.

5. A WTDR ON CEL IS UNDER PREPARATION.
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